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Green Park Square Concrete started building Doce campus's new parking lot on Oct. 19. It is still under 200 parking spaces full across at the expense of green space. The third baseball diamond located at behind the recreation center at Doce campus was also removed. The new parking lot is expected to cost more than \$400,000.

Paving over paradise

Third baseball diamond sacrificed as well as green space for new parking lot

By ALEX KAMR

Construction on Okanogan College's new parking lot started Oct. 19, paving the way for an additional 200 parking spaces at Doce campus.

The new lot is located behind the recreation center and will cost between \$1,000 to \$1,500 per space.

Contracted to Green Concrete, the site for the lot has been filled with trash and equipment including dig and storage bins located from the third baseball diamond.

Kevin Madala, an owner of corporate services, said the new lot will be the end of the end of Okanogan weather permitting. Don't put up the parking permit just yet though.

"Students can buy a month by parking pass, but don't use a monthly lot," Madala said.

By ALEX KAMR

If I have a six-hour day at the campus, it could cost me almost \$300.

— Jens Pedersen

By ALEX KAMR

The waiting list for parking passes is almost 300 people long, but as of Oct. 26 a few Park Card was introduced at the college.

"To the Park Card works much like a Sun Belt card works," said John Anderson, security representative. "They can recharge the card at the security office."

Students can charge the card at the parking meters and in the pay and display and decide at the cost maximum how much

they want to pay.

Jens Pedersen, a first-year radio broadcast student wants to use a day pass introduced at a parking option.

"If I have a six-hour day at the campus it could cost me almost \$100, even the parking meters are \$5 an hour," Pedersen said.

Despite the environmental impact, another parking lot might have, the lot is more than necessary because a large number of students will attend Doce campus drive as from other cities.

President of student officers, Mike Dymond, submitted a college council meeting on Oct. 8 that compulsory bus passes for students, to decrease the number of cars on campus, would not work. Doce campus would need a larger student population to put more in the college to fund an increase in bus services.

H1N1 shot not popular

By JAMES BART

The H1N1 vaccination has faced its share of myths, media hype, pressure and doubt.

With almost one-third of students at many schools at least sick with mild cases of H1N1, it is becoming to take a toll.

"My cousin got it and then I got it," said Lena Phillips, a first-year social merchandising student. "It wasn't the only thing to spread around my house."

Hospitals and health officials are warning people to get the vaccination when it is ready available.

On Monday Oct. 26 the vaccination was made available to health officials and those who are considered to be at high risk for complications due to respiratory illness.

"I'm not happy that I have to get it," said Heather Grant, a student at Grady General Hospital. "They don't even know the side effects but I have to go to it if I want to continue working."

Grant's struggle to get the shot first included people over the age of 65 who have chronic medical conditions and pregnant women.

"There is no way I'm getting it," said Marilyn Rider, a 70-year-old Okanogan resident. "I've had enough problems with the flu that I'm just taking something else in my body when they don't know the side effects."

Although the Health Agency of Canada says that no real side effects have been reported, Canadians are still uncomfortable with the idea of being vaccinated.

"No way, no how," said Phillips. "The only time I got the flu was when I got that damn the shot. My life is not, it is not willing to risk it."

The myth is spreading rumors that certain possible neurological damage as well as contracting the virus directly from the shot.

H1N1 has reportedly killed 10 Canadians.

"Yeah, and have many people will the vaccine hurt?" Rider said.

H1N1 the shot comes at Okanogan are being held at the Doce campus, Nov. 4, 6 and 10, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the JCC at the Windows campus Nov. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Doce campus, Nov. 11, 12 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the A17. An OHSF card is needed.

Condors lose in quarter-finals

By JAMES BART

The Okanogan Condors women's varsity soccer team was shut out 0-3 by the Okanogan College Athletic Association quarter-finals by Doane College on Oct. 30.

The team gave up only one goal in the first half to Doane, who had the keeper in goal the second half 0-1 and held a 0-1 record on the season. However the Condors had a difficult time finding an offensive pattern, and gave up an additional two goals in the second half.

This is the team's second trip to the quarter-finals in two years losing both times. The Condors held an overall record this season of 4-4-3. Coach Mike Krueger is happy with the season but also says

room for improvement.

"The biggest improvement of the women's team is that as a team we are not physically fit, we are not scored against, because of that," said Krueger. "We usually play well enough on the first half and because of a lack of fitness we lose games in the second half."

Despite the disappointing loss, Krueger is looking forward to next season.

"The things that I like are that every year the team is getting better and more players are coming to tryouts," said Krueger.

"We next year I will try very hard to recruit quality players in the offseason and put them in Okanogan programs which they have to start when they come to school in September."

How do you feel about surveys?

By DANE BRADEN

Have you ever been asked to complete a survey that never felt comfortable being so? If so, now is the time for you to voice your opinion.

Dr. Marlene Stumacher and Dr. Anne McDonald from Conestoga College are seeking all students to complete an online survey that is gathering information on students' perceptions about and experiences with being recruited to participate in academic research.

The purpose is to find out if students are comfortable completing these types of surveys. Are students too fearful when asking students to complete them and are their answers being influenced by the fact that some studies are course requirements?

"We are allowing our students to participate in research appropriate to them in order to get adequate information to protect against any vulnerability they may have," said Stumacher.

The survey is being conducted at all eight institutions including the universities of Waterloo, York, McMaster and Western and at Conestoga, Fanshawe and Mohawk colleges. Students are also being asked to provide feedback on their previous survey experience at Conestoga. They have been asked to be research assistants for this survey.

"This is a really promising start that study has on how we, as students, feel being

part of research, and how we feel about being approached for research," said Bracken. "This is a topic that has never been looked at before, and the results could change how researchers approach students in the future."

Bracken said, "We are hoping that the results of this study will give us a better understanding of whether or not they did the study simply out of interest due to being offered an incentive of some sort."

Being a student yourself and being considered a part of a vulnerable group that is often targeted for academic research and being directly involved in the study, I think it is very interesting.

If you have any questions about the survey contact Marlene at 519-244-5220 ext. 2859. Anyone wishing to participate should visit www.conestogacollege.ca/ResearchSurveys.

The survey is confidential and you do not have to have participated in a research survey prior to this one in order to participate.

It will take no more than 15 minutes to finish it.

Students who would prefer to do the survey in person can do so by contacting Marlene at 519-244-5220 ext. 2859 or by email at marlene.stumacher@conestogacollege.ca.

All information that students provide in the survey will be kept confidential.

The results of the study will be available in the spring of 2010, and will be published in journals, on posters, posted around the college and on Facebook.

Motorist tracks down driver in Homer Watson hit and run

By DANE BRADEN

Police closed the streets east of Pioneer and Homer Watson near Conestoga College campus on Sunday, Oct. 25, as they investigated a hit and run that killed a pedestrian. Thane Hayden, 60, was hit by a pickup truck as he was crossing Homer Watson Boulevard.

The driver of the suspect car had Hayden, who died from head injuries 20 metres Sgt. Fred Granger of Waterloo Regional Police said the truck hit Hayden as it was making a left hand turn onto Homer Watson from Pioneer.

After driving about 100 metres the truck stopped briefly then continued toward Highway 401. An law enforcement came to the aid of Hayden, another motorist followed the truck and alerted police. When the driver exited the vehicle at 401 a few kilometres away, police made their arrest.

Police have contacted the driver who pursued the fleeing pickup truck. At the time of the accident, alcohol and speed were not considered factors.

A 19-year-old male from Woodstock has been charged.

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All-boys school a step backward

BY LISA BUCHHE

Safety isn't segregated by gender, so why would we choose to separate males and females, sending them out into the world unprepared to deal with each other?

Creating an all-boys school and 300 boys already class rooms at the Toronto school board's initiative is an attempt to deal with the issue of peer harassment perhaps only by young men.

Many people argue that separating males and females has resulted in the gender role system. However, what they fail to realize is that it has nothing to do with separating the genders and everything to do with non-violent status.

Boys in private schools, like Upper Canada College, are by no means disadvantaged. It costs around \$300,000 a year to attend and only if you are accepted. These boys have all the advantages in the world given to them as an all-boys school. Boys attending may never be school, in order to not get away with the things boys in public schools can do to all parents educate. The parents are giving a lot of money and their child can be looked out, so parents are more involved. If there's a bad situation, instead of denying the situation, they are on top of it as soon as possible.

Some people argue that we already have representatives with female educators and French schools, bilingual schools and more recently an alternative school, what is so more important? However, all of these schools are focused on academics and their educational needs and maybe supporting them isn't the answer either. Are we helping ourselves by separating them or are we fostering separation from their culture and the general population?

Instead of having an all-boys school, reintroducing our educational programs to accommodate boys may be a more feasible and family friendly option. This may mean getting more of emphasis on sports and physical education classes with importance on the placement of these classes at during the day. It would also mean more hands-on, interactive and applied mathematics lessons. What boys and young men also need are proper role models and social programs.

Maybe learning tolerance and acceptance of each other's differences is a more powerful lesson than this quasi fix solution.

The above letter represents the position of the *Spokey* staff, not necessarily the author.

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College policy failing students

The most stressful thing I have experienced to date while attending Conestoga College has nothing to do with exams or final assignments. It was the week I got the flu.

After a semester and a half of exemplary attendance, I made the mistake of catching the seasonal influenza virus (flu) sometime in the last two days of school. I spent the next week frantically trying to track down the doctor's note that is required by the college's new attendance policy in order for students to head in missed assignments.

It turned out to be quite the odyssey. My first stop was to the on-campus doctor where I was told that appointments were being booked into the next week. When I asked if I made any difference that I only needed a sick note, the office receptionist informed me that the doctor would only give notes while the patient's symptoms were still in full swing.

I asked the receptionist if that meant I should have rescheduled by bus for two hours to the college and then two hours back with one teacher on ice in order to qualify for a note. The reply was a simple "yes." Shouldn't the receptionist or receptionist be?

I am one of the few people



Officer Webster
Opinion

lucky enough to have a family doctor at home. However, when I called the office and explained my situation, I was told that my doctor was swamped with patients who needed medical treatment and she would not be able to see me until the next month. That was when I started to get upset.

I was a good student who unfortunately came down with an unpleasant and temporary illness and I was jumping through hoops to prove that I was trustworthy. It felt as though the new attendance policy was putting my teachers in the position of asking me to see a doctor.

I found, and classmates recently caught the flu bug and made the trip to the doctor's office to procure the required note. The document was sent at the front desk but the teacher at the college has a policy that "receptionists are responsible for ensuring an already overburdened health-care system."

It is not just those who get sick who get caught up by

this policy. I know more than one student who fears that one morning to discover their car won't start, and they will simply be out of luck when it comes to missed assignments and tests.

It is also shocking how many teachers are unaware about the details of a policy that often determines a student's academic fate.

As recently as last week, one of my teachers stated that even though I had provided a doctor's note about missing class for three days, she would still have to consult the principal in order to let the policy proceed in order to avoid her explaining my absence at all.

Conestoga College has recently adopted the policy to require those suffering from the flu to visit a doctor, if it is true to recommend a policy that puts you in place to keep a few bad apples' from coming the system back, as well, as often responsible for the next, hard-working students to study for.

In the end, things worked out for me.

My absence has been a very busy year and I would not enough to this, it is to me some readying up students that had one required day away.

What did this process accomplish?

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Been there, done that

New VI or Paramount Activity? There are the only two horror films hitting it out at the box office this month.

The problem with New is it needs to find an end. I found myself yawning during the movie as it moved from its life as a scary I've seen before. But then again, Paramount isn't that much better.

Two weeks ago The Blair Witch Project came out, leaving movie goers believing it was choosing the best draw of three students' lives. Now Paramount Activity tries the same idea with a slasher genre and night vision.

The movie looks true to form, and good acting too. I found the premise a bit hard to believe because of the school's structure.

The movie didn't live up to all the hype about it being the scariest movie of the year but then again it hasn't been a



Heather Blair
Opinion

great year for horror movies.

Since there wasn't much selection, movie-goers had to see one or the other. Paramount Activity lost New VI at the box office in its first weekend of release Oct. 16, bringing in \$10 million, compared to the \$12 million New VI brought in when it was released on Oct. 16.

I can just see this movie making it into a horror movie. Warning: Scary Movie.

New VI is just another old movie with no suspense of watching people play a game of killing other people in a way alive.

Without giving away the

secret, the movie Paramount Activity is about a couple who move into a normal student home, but soon are disturbed by a presence in the middle of the night.

The entire house when I watched it was an actual movie in two parts in the couple's last scene.

If you like cheesy horror films that don't have any real plots, then go see it. If not, save your money and watch it when it comes on video.

I didn't like the last slasher camera scene. The Blair Witch Project, and I didn't like that one.

Randomly placed links away from the home video style horror film and go back to the way horror movies used to be made, where you can tell who the killer is before the movie really gets started. Think about the law and order the books go here out of me already.

REZ STUDENTS ENJOY SUNDAY SUNDAYS



PHOTO BY SARAH MCGOWAN

Students Matt Winkler and Gary Burt make their way down stairs through the Oronogo residence hall selling numbers for \$1 on Sunday evenings.

LOST DOG GETS LOVE AT COMESTOGA RESIDENCE



PHOTO BY SARAH MCGOWAN

Students Laura Davidson and Jolynn Wheeler helped find their dog Abby at the Comestoga Residence Hall Conference Center late side of a lost dog found outside of residence. The dog, Abby, spent the day at her owner's house until she was able to pick her up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

New parking lot not good planning

I cannot believe Comestoga's decision to create yet more parking spaces, especially today, when "Green" has become the way to go. There we go again, digging up more green to create more pavement.

Perhaps a more thoughtful approach would have been for the college to lobby Grand River Transit to increase and improve bus services to the campus.

Before the planning begins about not enough people using public transit. It's not

just that most people would take it if the service was improved in the first place. I know I certainly would.

Upper management at Comestoga has aggressively sought to curtail student involvement in the academic year.

They thus have student members would increase. Why then did they not plan with better vision and show by example a little leadership, thought and insight?

Tim Vancura

Assisted suicide should be allowed in Canada

At this moment there is a bill before the House of Commons that if passed, would decriminalize assisted suicide. I would really like to see this bill become law so those who have lost the ability to act and their own painful lives can get help if they so wish.

This month a survey was released which polled doctors in Quebec. Three out of four members of the Association des médecins opposaient la Québec and that they would support euthanasia if it were performed under their medical guidelines.

A common argument



Rick Banks
Opinion

against assisted suicide is the belief that people would be able to simply walk into a doctor's office and ask to be killed.

The proposed bill would require a hard patient to have two consultations with a doctor, ensuring the doctor that he or she understands the results of the procedure.

The doctor would also have to consult with a second physician before the procedure was carried out.

The fact is that people who will benefit from this won't be making a career out of it. They will be suffering from debilitating conditions such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Most people refer to ALS as Lou Gehrig's disease.

This is a condition that slowly shuts down a person's body by destroying the motor neurons that control every muscle. It generally begins with a person having some problem with their mobility and balance. It progresses so

that sufferers no longer can move their arms or legs. After that, as muscles die they lose the ability to talk or even move their head.

Eventually someone suffering from ALS will have no control of his or her bodily movements because the neurons that control the spine have been destroyed. They will also need a respirator to assist with breathing and they will be fully aware of all of this because their brain will still be fully functional.

Imagine thinking in the last hours of ALS victim who is still living. He understands

by watching the only muscle he has control of at this point, his right hand. He is part of the 10 per cent of ALS patients who live longer than five years after diagnosis.

As there is no cure for this horrible disease, there is no such a doctor can really do to help the patient in the terminal state. What they can do is make the patient more comfortable.

If a patient wishes to end his life when he can no longer speak and no longer has control over his bowels, then it is the duty of the medical community to ease his pain, by any means possible.

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The Nerdy Gamer reviews:

Borderlands



The PS3 and X360 made a baby.

Your player index is up 27 borders per hour.

Do I have your attention yet?

Game developer Gearbox Software has successfully combined two very different game genres: role-playing games and first-person shoot 'em up. Their new game, *Borderlands*, is the ultimate look and shoot game play with the best of both worlds. It's a 3D first-person shooter and then there's an instantly large number of guns. Now, it was never that good at work, but that means like a pretty good example to you.

The game starts you off with your choice of four different characters: Roland, Lohr, Mordecai, or Brick. Roland is a former soldier who is able to deploy a portable gun turret. Lohr is a man who can turn invisible and "bombs" will spread across to destroy them. Mordecai is a former sportsman who is able to

and combine and launch his pet bird. Borderlands is a game where you're a hero, or who is all too willing to put his gun to use as a hero of shooting things and they the look character has his or her own skill tree so players can customize to make their character feel like their own.

As you play off of the boss, you are welcomed to the post-apocalyptic world of Pandora by one of the "Claptrap" robots, the year guide of the planet. These little guys provide comedy relief and are extremely well written and voiced. The whole game has a satirical look to it, which makes both the enemies and scenery really stand out, and makes it quite easy on the eyes.

The story line you looking for the mysterious Vault, where beyond lies it what most stories of this technology and secrets can be found. You journey through the game by helping out residents of Pandora with quests, usually by defeating various hordes

and wildlife, while a special "Goddamn" App! helps guide you during important story missions. While it isn't the type of story from most RPGs, what is there really is Borderlands.

That's not all about the number of guns they can be for off. There are many different gun categories in the game, and you have your choice from sniper and battle rifles to shotguns, pistols, rocket launchers and more. Each gun has its own unique style, look and way sound. That helps keep finding fun, interesting, as you are always looking for the gun that suits you.

And what would a plethora of guns be without enemies to use it? The wildlife on Pandora is extremely vicious, attacking most things you find sight. The real fun is fighting against the more intelligent enemies, such as bighorns. Bighorns will attack behind cover, only pop up and fire off a laser beam and then disappear. They're not only

cheap you cannot with shot guns that blow them off their feet when they are. Bighorns look like they are literally on that chase you down to punch you.

When the game really starts is when you begin with some friends. The enemies get tougher and the boss drops get better for every player in the game. Talking to each other in the landscape, making tactical plans on how to attack the powerful ones, or

just saying "BOOM! border!" and very being in the war zone against all odds game play.

With phenomenal writing, great visuals, responsive enemy AI, and more than that, you know what to do with *Borderlands* will have you saying "just one more game, then I'll go to sleep." The next thing you know it is time on the screen. *Borderlands* has a game that has the kind of effect on me. Rating: 5 out of 5.



Borderlands: Lohr, Mordecai, and Brick are the four playable characters in *Borderlands*, each with their own unique powers.



Always: Conestoga College surrounding students to their Army and Marine Military study hall for the 10th time, and recognition of military service.

PHOTO BY GARY BROWN



Right: This student has a lot of time to spend on the map. They are looking at the map of the world, and looking at the map of the world.

PHOTO BY GABRIELLE BROWN

Scenes and seen around Conestoga College



Top right: Children and children of the 10th time, and recognition of military service. The 10th time, and recognition of military service.

PHOTO BY GARY BROWN



Right: A scene out the door is not a scene out the door. The 10th time, and recognition of military service. The 10th time, and recognition of military service.

PHOTO BY GARY BROWN

Centre makes dreams come true

By **WENDY MASON**

You'll love what Mom has done with the place. Not for how it looks but for the incredible atmosphere.

The Waterloo Regional Dream Centre has been located at 608 King St. E. in Blacktown for six years. Ben Lower, Blacktown, 41, began helping people 20 years ago.

The dream centre started on Market Lane in Kitchener For Thanksgiving. They served dinner to 344 people. They also provide hot meals to residents and anybody who walks in on Saturday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m., and Sundays after worship services at 3 p.m.

Blacktown, also known as Mom, along with the help of several volunteers, has managed to take an old worn house and convert it into a house where people can bring out.

Staff at the non-profit dream centre help people by providing a meal program, help from the medical field, bank, clothing, proper time and worship services on Sundays.

"When we first began, we had a lot of young-related groups," said Blacktown. "We had a number of the Blacks the City, Shoppers, KIDS Open Father body, BUK, Street 'em Up Kids and the World Squad."

"They all have people with gang issues and by standards. They also see people come in who are struggling with gun violence, severe mental health issues, homeless women and many other problems."

"We are a lot of youth," said Blacktown.

They also see single-parent families and families who are working poor and just need help.

The area the dream centre is in was once called "Ghetto-ley," and "Paradise-ley." These names, however, aren't used to refer to that area anymore. Since the dream centre moved there from Market Lane, crime in that area has gone down.

Blacktown said the roots there at the dream centre have the community not much they police at the center.

"They respect this area more. They make sure there is nothing happening in this vicinity that will give a bad name to the dream centre."

Blacktown said the rest of her volunteers believe it's through their that people change.

"We are them changing. I just got married two weeks ago and the gentleman I married



and was someone who came from that type of lifestyle," said Blacktown. "He was looking at her when he first came here and then look at him now, you wouldn't be able to recognize him."

Don Blackmore, 41, is also known as Officer Ann York. He was once into a life of drugs and eventually became a dealer himself. He believes poverty is a major reason for wanting what was other to be a bad neighborhood.

"Low-income people who aren't educated, or people who haven't had the chance to finish school because of life's circumstances, are just a few of the people B More could think of."

They both believe it may go deeper than that.

"It could be from mental health issues as well because they don't know how to keep their buildings clean, or their house or apartment," said Blackmore.

Blacktown, 28, grew up on the streets of Toronto.

"I was selling large quantities of marijuana and I served a 10-year sentence," said Blacktown. During his time on jail he made a decision that would forever change his life.

"During the early part of my sentence, I turned my life to Christ," he said.

Blacktown is a member of a church on Cambridge and is living in a halfway house in Kitchener, said Blacktown. He is a regular at the dream centre, and strongly believes in its values.

"When you are convicted, they need to go to a place where Christ's dependency on God," he said.

Blacktown's story of Richard is paraphrasing in our story's reminder for a long time.

"At one point, one of the guys came in (Richard), and he had quite a long blade on him stuck there that side of his head," said Blacktown.

"He was ready to take out one of the other guys, who was a gang member. It ended up that I got down and talked with him on a stairwell by myself. A couple of the other guys came up to me and said, 'Mom, you're really easy to be talking to a stairwell all by yourself. It is a real hard area and then you're talking a blade on him.'"

Blacktown said he was really moved.

"They said, 'If he gets really mad, he'll be able to shoot you. He could shoot you with that thing.' I told them to go on and do what you have to do. They left me there and tried to keep an eye on me to make sure this wasn't going to go down, and the next thing I know Richard is breaking down crying and he heads out the back. I took it and gave it to one of the other guys and said, 'There, get rid of that drug thing.'"

His eyes are becoming teary sometimes with the story.

"Richard was crying and asked for a Bible," said Blacktown. "So he tucked his head in the Bible. He said his drug street and stuff like that, but he's one of our members. When he gets really upset, he's very hard to control, but for me, Richard is no problem."

Richard, like all the people at the dream centre, is a great influence on everyone there.

"It was him, a head guy looking, saying the pastor his story," said Blacktown. "His next thing we know, we had the entire BUK looking and carrying on in the church service. Then you come out knowing you're Pastor Dave."

"There were some that came outside and said, 'What just happened here?' and I said, 'Nonsense, you don't want to know.'"

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Week of Nov. 2, 2001



Aries
March 21 -
April 19

In the same day you will get both a reward and rebuke. It would be wise to pay better attention to the weather forecast.



Libra
September 23
October 22

Ralph Nader will terrify you excessively from Tuesday morning until Thursday afternoon. He has the wrong number.



Taurus
April 20 - May 20

On Thursday you will find a manuscript in your bath room. The manuscript will be quite ancient. The mood of the artist that will be in there is certainly in understandable.



Scorpio
October 23
November 21

The work of Edgar Poe will entertain you for a few days. The remainder of the week will be spent trying to discipline his lyrics.



Gemini
May 21 - June 21

An Astrologer's horoscope is better than what you will see. Do not be alarmed, this is simply part of a dream.



Sagittarius
November 21
December 21

You will follow you around every hour of the week referring to you as Miss Master Mike. If you play music, they will stop.



Cancer
June 22 - July 22

Your tooth will push up phone calls on the phone network this week. If the weather this week, this network will push. This through water, this may be a source of concern.



Capricorn
December 22
January 19

On Thursday a Robinson novel will fall out of your nose. You will spend your weekend trying to figure out how it got up there.



Leo
July 23 - August 22

At some point this week a shopping cart will be parked with you. The cart will be delivered to your home. This will become a bigger hassle than it seems.



Aquarius
January 20 - February 18

Someone will know you a little bit more. A token can of soup on your floor will bring an end to this. Someone that you need multiple signs.



Virgo
August 23
September 22

Your home will be invaded by the Galapagos environment. The dream will be much more to compare than the vision and smell.



Pisces
February 19
March 20

Someone will try and convince you that John and Anne are happy. John is a lot of a jerk and a bully and Anne is simply annoying.



Nick D'Amico is a second-year journalism student holding fire in the palm of his hand.

'Green' tape dispenser wins

Woodworking student now competes in Wood WORKS! Awards Program

By MICHAEL SHANNON

Ian Hartmann is helping the world go green and tape dispenser is a star.

Hartmann, a second-year woodworking student at the college, won a first prize of \$2,000 after creating a wood vintage dispenser.

Students in the program could choose to create any object from wood and submit it for the contest here at Cuesta College. Competing against Hartmann was third-year student, Tyler Bannister, who created a shelving unit which could be folded for easy storage.

Hartmann chose to construct a tape dispenser because it was easily made to scale and is used regularly at home and in offices.

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I then drove over the unit with a 5110-lb. van, which with one tire in contact with the unit, would be around 1300 lbs

— Ian Hartmann

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The hardest part of the competition the Hartmann was not designing or even creating the product, but rather making the 12-page marketing report for it.

"Constructing the tape dispenser itself only took a few hours more I had the design in mind, the construction and simple set-up on simple machines. The report on the other hand I would like to say took over 40 hours of steady work," he said.

The tape dispenser made of maple and cherry wood went under several tests to prove its strength and working power.

Hartmann tested its strength by dropping it from tables at heights and onto different surfaces.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL SHANNON

Ian Hartmann is a second-year woodworking student at the college who first prize in the program's woodworking contest for the wood vintage dispenser. He is now entered in the Wood WORKS! Awards Program.

direct market. With that test complete and the tape dispenser sold in good condition, Hartmann took it to the next level.

"I then drove over the unit with a 5110-lb. van, which with one tire in contact with the unit, would be around 1300-lb."

The only visual effects were scratches from a sliding wheel the van against the ground," he said.

With all these tests complete, Hartmann had more than proved the value of his wooden tape dispenser. But winning first place at the school is not where it ends.

Hartmann, along with the other first-prize winners from other colleges, are now entered into the Wood WORKS! Awards Program. There are several prizes including one for the best product and the best marketing plan.

The contest will take place at the much-awaited Wood WORKS! Awards Gala in Tamarac on Nov. 8. Prizes range from \$2,000 for first place to \$1,000 for third.

After a little creativity and several hours of hard work, the eco-friendly tape dispenser might convince to pay off for Hartmann.

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Shocking collapse at the feet of the Sting

By MICHAEL MASON

As the Conestoga Condors men's varsity soccer team walked off the pitch Oct. 30, a single burning question demanded an answer: How did a team that allowed only four goals against them all season lose to Bremer 5-1?

Before the game began, head coach Aldo Krueger decided to try to put a little bit more offense. The team went 4-1-8 through the season, scoring 33 goals. That was good enough for second place in the West Division, but they only scored 11-16 in goals out of 38 games. They made the playoffs due to their intense defensive play.

"We tried to shuffle our players to play different positions because we have a hard time scoring goals," said Krueger. "We ran that we didn't trust the players, but they said they've played the positions before and at that point we put for the first two goals."

He said on the end they played a team that was better

than they were.

"Defensively, we didn't plan the game we were capable of playing."

In terms of defense through the regular season, the team was very good.

"That's not my style of play. I wish we could play more offensively," said Krueger.

Joey Chaves was a muck on the team this year. He said they just didn't play well at all.

"We didn't follow our game in the first half and we got behind early, and then the first half as we tried to get back and couldn't, but we played well in the second half for sure."

Despite the embarrassing loss, he knows the year was a very positive one for the Condors.

"We made the playoffs. It's our first year, and to make the playoffs is great."

Brian Pickett played an all 11 games for the Bremer Sting, and said he has some playoff goals.

"We started off well for the first 35 minutes and we



Photo by Brian Scott

Brian Pickett (4) of Conestoga is shown into a long sandwich during the men's quarterfinal match against Bremer at St. John of the Arch-Bishop. The game took place in Tacoma on Oct. 30.

applied pressure and got a couple goals. The beginning of the second half was a little shaky, but we finished up strong, so it was a good game."

Conestoga finished the regular season with a 7-0-0 record and 33 goals in their favour in 18 games. The team had the third most goals leading into

the playoffs.

"We had a couple glitches," said Pickett. "But throughout (the year) we did pretty well. We could tighten up through the middle a bit, but we had a really good season on our." Brian Pickett and the Condors are spending this year with them. In contrast to the other teams that made the

playoffs, their goal leaders averaged 10 goals through the regular season.

The Condors are looking for a goalkeeper next season because Brian Pickett is graduating. Krueger also hopes to get a good striker for next year so they can compete better with other teams.

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